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LIVE POULTRY RECEIPTS - NEW YORK\*  
(POUNDS)

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	TRUCK	TRUCK & EXPRESS:	TRUCK	TOTAL	
FREIGHT	DEALERS AT	(DIRECT	LONG ISLAND	RAIL & TRUCK	
	TERMINAL	RECEIVERS)	DUCKS		
Dec. 30, 1943	82,634	366,536	219,495	4,120	672,785
SO FAR THIS WEEK	441,516	1,084,634	1,094,476	45,480	2,666,156
SO FAR LAST WEEK	693,270	1,551,690	1,395,012	77,800	3,717,772
*COMPILED FROM DEPARTMENT OF MARKETS WEIGHTMASTER REPORTS.					

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NEW YORK - FREIGHT RECEIPTS WERE VERY LIGHT WITH 1 CAR THAT WAS DUE YESTERDAY ARRIVING THIS MORNING PLUS 4 DUE LATE THIS AFTERNOON. NO SALES REPORTED AT THIS WRITING AND PRICES HELD NOMINAL FOR COLORED FOWL, FEW GEESE AND TURKEYS. TRUCK RECEIPTS WERE LIGHT BUT SUFFICIENT FOR TRADE REQUIREMENTS. THE DEMAND WAS GOOD ESPECIALLY ON TOP QUALITY SPRINGS. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS MOVED SLOWLY. MARKET GENERALLY FIRM, QUALITY CONSIDERED. CROSS SPRINGS SOLD AT 33-34. OTHER CLASSES SUCH AS COLORED FOWL, YEARLINGS, LEGHORN FOWL AND A FEW MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS SUCH AS DUCKS, CAPONS, ROOSTERS, RABBITS, SQUABS AND PIGEONS AND A FEW PULLETS WERE UNQUOTED. STATE OF ORIGIN AND NUMBER OF CARS INCLUDING CARS DUE ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1 ARK., 2 ILL., 2 MO. THE 10 1/2 TRUCK LOADS DELIVERED TO DEALERS UP TO 10:30 A.M. INCLUDED: 7 DEL. CROSS, 1 MO. CROSS, 1/4 TENN. COLORED, 1/2 PA. MIXED, TOTAL 8 1/2 SPRINGS; 1/2 N.Y. LEGHORN, 1/2 TENN. COLORED, 1/2 PA. LEGHORN AND COLORED, TOTAL 1 1/2 FOWL; 1/4 TENN. MISCELLANEOUS SUCH AS DUCKS, ROOSTERS, CAPONS, ETC., PLUS 1/2 N.Y. MIXED, 1 PA. MIXED AND A FEW EXPRESS VA. COLORED FOWL DUE. DIRECT RECEIVERS RECEIVED UP UNTIL LATE MORNING 14,180 POUNDS.

PHILADELPHIA - RECEIPTS WERE LIGHT TODAY WITH EARLY DEMAND FOR FANCY FOWL, ROASTERS AND DUCKS FAIR, BUT FOLLOW-UP DEMAND VERY SLOW. GRADE A BROILERS, B AND C GRADES OF ALL CLASSES FAILED TO CLEAR WELL AND AT THE CLOSE WERE OFFERED AT SHARP CONCESSIONS TO CLEAR FLOORS. B AND C STOCKS SOLD 10-22 1/2. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES ON GRADE A QUALITY IN PHILADELPHIA: FOWL COLORED 28-28 1/2, HEAVY LEGHORNS 28-28 1/2, LIGHT WEIGHTS 25-27, ROASTERS 31 1/2-32, FRYERS 31 1/2-32, BROILERS 28-31 1/2, FEW 32, OLD ROOSTERS AND STAGS 20-24, DUCKS, MOSTLY MUSCOVY 28-28 1/2. RECEIPTS DECEMBER 30, 1943: 142,701 LBS BY TRUCK, 5,393 LBS BY EXPRESS, TOTAL 148,094 LBS. CORRESPONDING DAY LAST WEEK: 187,150 LBS BY TRUCK, 6,000 LBS BY EXPRESS, TOTAL 193,150 LBS. (INCLUDES POULTRY TO BE DRESSED FOR LOCAL AND INTER MARKET DISTRIBUTION).

CHICAGO - ALL CLASSES OF LIVE POULTRY IN GOOD DEMAND. READY CALL FOR SUPPLIES APPEARING ON THE MARKET TODAY RESULTED IN CLOSE CLEARANCE AT FULL PRICES. PAYING PRICES FOR GRADE A STOCK FOB WERE AT CEILINGS WHICH INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION FEATURES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LEGHORN CHICKENS. FOW. 24 3/4-26, LEGHORN FOWL 24 3/4-26, BROILERS, FRYERS AND ROASTERS, ROCKS 28 1/2-29 1/2, MIXED BREEDS 28 1/2-29 1/2, LEGHORN BROILERS AND FRYERS 26 3/4-28, OLD ROOSTERS 20, FARM DUCKS 25 3/4-27, GEESE 25 1/4-27. RECEIPTS TODAY WERE 29 TRUCKS CARRYING 1142 COOPS. THERE WERE NO CARS BY RAIL. TOTAL RECEIPTS THURSDAY WERE 214,271 LBS.

WASHINGTON - MARKET FIRM. RECEIPTS LIGHT. PRICES PAID NET FOB WASHINGTON (PERMITTED TRANSPORTATION CHARGES INCLUDED ACCORDING TO MILEAGE), BROILERS AND FRYERS 28 1/2-30, FOWL 26 1/2-28, ROOSTERS 18-20.

BALTIMORE - RECEIPTS VERY LIGHT, MARKET FIRM, PRICES UNCHANGED. TURKEY MARKET FIRM, RECEIPTS VERY LIGHT, PRICES UNCHANGED.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31 - RADIO ROUNDUP.

CHICKEN--BUT NOT EVERY SUNDAY.

ALTHOUGH THE WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION HAS SET ASIDE FREEZER STOCKS OF CHICKENS AND FOWL (HENS) FOR PURCHASE BY THE ARMED FORCES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, YOUR LISTENERS WILL PROBABLY BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THEY WILL STILL BE ABLE TO BUY CHICKENS. THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY CHICKENS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE TO CIVILIANS. FIRST, THE SET-ASIDE DOESN'T APPLY TO INCOMING POULTRY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE (12:01 A.M. EWT, DECEMBER 30). GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL BUY ONLY THE SUITABLE STOCKS THAT WERE ALREADY IN THE FREEZERS ON THIS DATE.. THROUGH THE SET-ASIDE, THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH UP ON ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL THE ARMED SERVICES, AND BE ABLE TO INCLUDE CHICKEN TWO SUNDAYS OUT OF EVERY MONTH....AS CALLED FOR IN THE REGULATION "G.I." MENU.

ANOTHER REASON WHY CIVILIAN SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE, IS A CULLING PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED NATIONALLY TO BRING LAYING HENS BACK TO APPROXIMATELY THE SAME NUMBER AS THERE WERE ON FARMS IN JANUARY, 1943. IF THIS IS CARRIED OUT, ABOUT 40 TO 50 MILLION POUNDS OF CHICKENS SHOULD BE MARKETING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. A THIRD FACTOR IN FAVOR OF THE CONSUMER IS THE EARLY START OF THE EGG PRODUCTION SEASON..A SEASON LIKELY TO RESULT IN A RECORD CROP OF EGGS. IT ALREADY HAS BROUGHT ABOUT LOCAL ABUNDANCES OF EGGS IN SOME AREAS AND LOWER PRICES TO PRODUCERS. THIS MAY RESULT IN HEAVY FLOCK CULLING, ESPECIALLY IN FEED DEFICIT AREAS..A MOVE WHICH WOULD MEAN THE MARKETING OF MORE POULTRY THAN USUAL DURING THE LATE WINTER, AND EARLY SPRING SEASON.

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